AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or double brackets (i.e., [[patent]]) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. Canceled.

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5. Canceled.

6. (Amended) [[The]] A safety cover [[of Claim 1]] encasing burner control dials of a kitchen stove, said safety cover comprising:

a laterally elongated rearward plate attachable to a stove surface adjacent said burner control dials, said plate comprising at least one aperture to allow penetration of said burner control dials therethrough;

a compartment bay pivotally coupled with said plate about hinge means;

locking means cooperatively coupling said plate and said compartment bay;

wherein said compartment bay is pivotally rotated to conjoin with said plate to encase said burner control dials; and

[[further comprising]] an extension for expanding the lateral width of said safety cover.

7. (Original) The safety cover of Claim 6, said extension comprising a front wall, an opposing rear wall and a sidewall, said front wall and said rear wall telescopically adjustable within said bay.

8. (New) The safety cover of Claim 6, wherein said plate is attached to said stove surface adjacent said burner control dials via doubled sided adhesive pads affixed to a posterior surface of said plate.

9. (New) The safety cover of Claim 6, wherein said compartment bay comprises a recessed storage volume formed by upstanding adjacent walls, said recessed storage volume accommodating said burner control dials.

10. (New) The safety cover of Claim 6, wherein said hinge means comprises a plurality of plate cylinders complimentary conjoined with a plurality of bay cylinders, said plurality of plate cylinders and said plurality of bay cylinders cooperatively coupled via a dowel inserted therethrough.

11. (New) The safety cover of Claim 6, wherein said locking means comprises:

a hammer formed in said plate;

a cavity formed in said bay, said cavity cooperatively engaging said hammer to impinge said bay to said plate.